

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO-SRI LANKA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS-SEMESTER –II- 2016/2017**

**PSC 3251 – Main Currents in Political & Social Theory II**

**Time: Two (02) hours**

**Answer only four (04) questions**

**Each answer carries a maximum of fifteen (15) marks**

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- 1 (a) Explain Antonio Gramsci's concept of hegemony  
(b) Examine how Gramsci relates hegemony to the Political Society and to Civil Society.
- 2 (a) Explain the 'critical theory' with reference to the Frankfurt School.  
(b) How does critical theory differ from 'scientific theory' and 'traditional theory'?
- 3 Examine Jurgen Habermas' ideas on the 'Ideal Speech Situation' and the 'Ideal Speech Community'.
- 4 How did Andre Gunder Frank and Samir Amin explain the causes of Underdevelopment in third world countries? Discuss.
- 5 Examine how Edward Said's Orientalism developed a critical understanding of colonialism.
- 6 What are the philosophical and intellectual traditions that influenced Michel Foucault's theoretical ideas? Discuss.
- 7 Write short notes on any two (02) of the following:
  - (a) Louis Althusser's notion of ideology
  - (b) Pierre Bourdieu's notion of symbolic capital
  - (c) Jean Paul Sartre's concept of existence.
  - (d) Jacques Lacan's concept of mirror image.